

Hidden Figures

1. In Paragraph 5, what does the word "heralded" mean?

- Criticized
- Changed
- Celebrated
- Questioned

2. What is the significance of the author mentioning her family's involvement with NASA?

- It indicates her dislike for NASA and the people who worked there.
- It highlights her close connection to the NASA community.
- It emphasizes her father's job as a respected astronaut.
- It demonstrates her interest in becoming an electrical engineer.

3. In the passage, what role does the author's father play in shaping her perception of the world of science?

- He insists that she becomes a scientist like him.
- He discourages her from pursuing a career in science or engineering.
- He exposes her to a community of scientists through his work at NASA.
- His work as an aerospace engineer at NASA inspires her to become a scientist.

4. What did the author's father do for a living at NASA?

- He was a mathematician.
- He was an astronaut.
- He was a physics teacher.
- He was a climate scientist.

5. In Paragraph 4, what is the meaning of the term "computer"?

- A person who performs complex mathematical calculations for aerospace engineers
- A scientist who specializes in computer science and design of aerospace technologies
- A machine used for performing mathematical calculations for aerospace engineers
- A supervisor responsible for managing aerospace computer systems and employees

6. What is the meaning of the word "occupation" in Paragraph 4?

- A calculation
- A person's career
- A person's hobby
- An invasion

7. How does the author's personal connection to the story contribute to the reader's engagement with the passage?

- It distances the reader from the events described in the passage.
- It suggests that the author is not personally invested in the story.
- It makes the story relatable and builds an emotional connection with the reader.
- It confuses the reader by introducing unrelated details.

8. What is a main theme of this passage?

- People who overcome barriers and do important work for their country deserve recognition.
- Pursuing a career in science and mathematics can create challenges in a person's life.
- It is not fair for people to expect to be praised when doing great work in their jobs.
- When facing difficulty, it is important to remember your past so that mistakes are not repeated.

9. Why is this passage considered literary nonfiction?

- It asks readers to debate both sides of a real-life, controversial event.
- It immerses readers in the real-life experiences of the author and her community.
- It persuades readers to pursue real-life careers in aerospace engineering.
- It informs readers about history through fictional events.

10. Which phrase from the passage best supports the idea that the African American women who worked at NASA should be celebrated?

- "... I was part of the NASA family."
- "... retired as an internationally respected climate scientist ..."
- "... they are an important part of American history."
- "I knew so many African Americans working in science ..."

11. Why did the author's grandfather advise her father to become a physical education teacher instead of pursuing electrical engineering?

- He thought teaching could lead to engineering jobs in the future.
- He thought teaching would pay a higher salary than engineering.
- He worried his son would have trouble finding an engineering job.
- He believed teaching was a more respectable profession.

12. In Paragraph 1, why does the author describe the jobs held by multiple people in her community?

- To persuade readers to pursue careers in science, mathematics, and engineering so they could have the opportunity to work at NASA
- To inform readers about several exciting career opportunities available to the communities surrounding NASA during the 1960s
- To illustrate her disgust that African Americans could not find work in the fields of science or mathematics during this time
- To illustrate her assumption that science and mathematics were common job fields for African Americans at the time